

## LEAGUE STILL EQUALLY SPLIT

Tie Has Not Been Broken Despite Many Rumors and Counter-Rumors.

Hopeless is the only way to characterize the present state of affairs in the Virginia League—that is, the hopelessness in the sense that an election of a president by a majority is just as far removed as it ever was.

Merely to keep the records straight and to have something to refer to after history is made, these facts are here and now recorded: When the meeting is called in Lynchburg, on Friday at 3 o'clock, there will be present a representative from each of the six clubs forming the Virginia League. Three of these clubs—Lynchburg, Richmond and Danville—will be headed by the gunwales with candidates for the office. A candidate will be named from each of the cities opposing Williams, and it is not at all unlikely that one of two of these cities will have more than one candidate.

Danville comes forward with the statement that a reputable business man will be put forward. Norfolk says that both Billy Hammon and Hammond Johnson are receptive candidates. Billy Hammon, by all the laws of organized baseball, is outlawed, for the reason that he headed the defunct Tidewater League, but he will be one of the candidates. Locally there will be Robert B. Alper, Lynchburg has her chosen one, and so it will go. Round up into one statement it means that these three clubs will support anybody but Williams.

On the other side Petersburg, Norfolk and Roanoke will support nobody but Williams. Interviews to the contrary notwithstanding, Norfolk will be found in the Williams camp when the votes are counted. Petersburg will not change front and neither will Roanoke. These three clubs will enter the meeting and will declare that the meeting held in Petersburg was perfectly regular and that officers have already been elected. Not one of these clubs will recede from that position. Dr. Carson will be on hand, and not even Dr. Carson will have the temerity to say that a majority can be secured under such circumstances. This in brief is what is going to happen at Lynchburg on Friday, January 26, in the good year 1912.

## Pertinent Comment

By Gus Malbert

If it be true—if that Dr. McCrory, owner of the Norfolk club in the Virginia League, is going to nominate even Dr. Carson for president of the league, and if—that is, if—that the rest of the teams in the anti-Williams section will support the new candidate, then, there is a chance of breaking the tie and the Virginia League may survive the storm which has threatened its existence. But Dr. Carson will have the temerity to say that a majority can be secured under such circumstances. This in brief is what is going to happen at Lynchburg on Friday, January 26, in the good year 1912.

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Larry Martin had a great workout for his Richmond College track yesterday. Everything now is in preparation for the George Washington relay team, which will have more of a fighting chance, is going to represent the Spiders at that meet.

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## CANNOT AGREE UPON MAN FOR PRESIDENT

So Conference Between W. B. Bradley and Dr. J. R. McRary Comes to Naught—Hammond Johnson Positively Refuses to Accept Office—suggests Elimination of Western Clubs.

Norfolk, Va., January 23.—W. B. Bradley, president of the Richmond Baseball Club, is in Norfolk to-night trying to agree with Dr. J. R. McRary, president of the Norfolk club, upon a candidate for president of the Virginia League who can harmonize the opposing factions of this city with Hammond Johnson of this city and Dr. Johnson said under no circumstances would he accept the honor.

Since Mr. Johnson will not accept, Dr. Bradley is inclined to stand by President Williams, and the conference will probably not result in any agreement between the Richmond and Norfolk presidents. A league with the three up-State clubs eliminated was proposed to-day by Hammond Johnson.

"I am not a candidate for the presidency of the Virginia League, and will accept it if elected," said Mr. Johnson. "I am too busy making a living to give any attention to the question."

Mr. Johnson said that to properly conduct the league it would require

the greater part of a man's time, and that he didn't care to shoulder the job. He also declared that no matter how he conducted it there would be kickers, knackers and newspaper notoriety. He is averse to the latter.

In discussing his declination he went further and declared there was but one salvation for the Virginia League, and that was that this could not be brought about, he would not consent to head a losing proposition.

The idea is that the league as constituted at present cannot be made a financial success. Mr. Johnson believes that Danville, Roanoke and Lynchburg should be eliminated, and Portsmouth, Newport News and Suffolk substituted.

He is satisfied that such a circuit would be self-sustaining and popular. With the up-State towns in the league, he is unable to see anything but a losing proposition, with the possible exception of Richmond.

With such a circuit organized, Mr. Johnson might agree to accept the presidency.

## BELL NOW LEADS ALL IN BOWLING TOURNEY

The third round of the Times-Dispatch Elimination Bowling Tournament began at the Palace Duckpin League last night, when Bell, Beck, Kennedy, Overmann and Chapin ran their final heat in the round. Chapin was the big surprise, not because of what he did, but because of what he did not do. He made his lowest score last night, having put 74 as a result of his average effort.

Putting them all into camp with a total of 225, and a lead of 100, was the grand total of 270, an average of better than 30 for each of fifteen games, not bad. Purdie is next with 208. The second round will roll to-morrow night at the Palace.

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## GUILFORD WINS FROM JEFFERSON

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Charlottesville, Va., January 23.—The Guilford College basketball team defeated the University of Virginia team last night at the local club, at the meeting at Lynchburg on Friday, gave out the following statement to-night: "Personally I have nothing against Mr. Carson, but the Danville club does not want him as head coach for the league, and that league in opposition to the Virginia. So far as my information goes, Hannan is a good man, knows baseball, and is clean and honest, and would undoubtedly command the support of the Norfolk press. For these reasons he may be the man who will be decided upon to break the deadlock. Lynchburg has expressed a preference for him, Richmond, through the press, has said it will follow Lynchburg's lead, and if it is shown prior to the time the meeting is called by Mr. Carson, that he will be able to poll Norfolk's vote, we will be in line."

However, we will have a candidate of our own, one of our best business men, a man who is capable, and although I cannot give his name, I am perfectly confident he will poll four votes, and if elected will accept. The party referred to, is not a Hughey or Clark.

Herbert Chestnut, young white man, who was indicted on the first day of the January term for an alleged theft of money from the person of "Frank" the men, it is alleged, found Hancock in a drunken state, and under the pretense of helping him, he pilfered from his pocket, took the money and fled. Hancock claims to have known the man was taking the money, but was too drunk to do anything. The Commonwealth, it is said, has summoned several witnesses who saw the alleged act committed.

In Police Court.

On a charge of reckless driving, Taylor Brown and John Taylor, a pair of Tanyard Bottom drivers who were arrested last Monday night after overturning a buggy in which they were driving, were assessed \$10 in Police Court, by Justice H. A. Maurice and were each fined an additional \$10 for being drunk and disorderly. The men were released on custody.

George Taylor, a fine of \$250 for ten days in lieu of a fine of \$250 for ten days, which could not be raised. He was unable to care for his family, and was unable to care for his family.

Capture Fugitive.

Charged with being a fugitive from justice, wanted in Petersburg on a charge of passing a worthless check a few days ago, a bridge builder, giving the name of John, was arrested yesterday by Officers Phillips and Waymace. Tubbs was detained at the Third Police Station, pending the arrival of the Petersburg, came over on the 4 o'clock car and took the man back to that city.

Officer Phillips was also credited with the only other arrest made yesterday, having earlier today caught James Pryor, colored, who is charged with an arrest, issued by his wife, with non-support.

Operation Not Necessary.

Physicians in attendance on Robert Hastings, the telephone lineman who is now in the hospital in a serious condition as a result of the operation on a point on which he was working, yesterday found that an operation was unnecessary, as the condition on the brain, caused by the concussion, can be removed by absorption.

X-ray examination made yesterday has disclosed a serious injury which may retard Mr. Hastings' recovery for some time. He is doing as well as could be expected, and hopes are entertained for a complete recovery.

Post-Office Inspection.

The Manchester station of the Richmond post-office yesterday received an official visit from District Inspector Elmo Redwood. An examination of the records of the office was made, and everything found in strict accordance with the law.

Inspector Redwood also made an examination of the two contract stations, one of which is located in the corner of the Fifteenth and Hull Streets, and the other at Allie Morrisette's, in Swanboro. Both places were found to be in first-class condition.

Small Fire, No Damage.

Engine Company No. 12 last night at 8:15 o'clock responded with the chemical engine to a small alarm from Eighth and Semmes Streets. The fire was extinguished in a few minutes, and everything found in strict accordance with the law.

Personal and General.

Mrs. Thomas J. Jewett, of 1023 Decatur Street, is visiting her mother in Washington.

Miss Winifred White, of Petersburg, is visiting her mother in Swansboro.

W. J. Hargrove, of St. No. 6, Petersburg, is visiting his mother in Swansboro.

Washington Tent, No. 10, Maccombess or the World, last night held a public installation of officers followed by an enjoyable supper, at which the families of the members were the guests.

Jefferson Hotel Arrivals.

Arrived: J. Johnson, Charlottesville, Va.; John McQuinn and wife, Philadelphia; L. Davis and wife, Charlotte; C. Lewis Hill and wife, Washington; A. N. Parker, Washington; L. B. War, Norfolk; W. A. Pruden, Norfolk; E. Williams, Lynchburg; Mrs. L. B. Jones, Lynchburg; H. H. Downs and wife, Norfolk; Miss Vira Downs, New York; J. L. Godfrey and wife, Columbia; G. J. A. Bryan and wife, Boston; M. R. Haver and wife, Boston; E. W. Nesbitt and wife, Washington; George A. Koonce and wife, Trenton; William M. Dawson, Norfolk; O. L. Lou Dawson, Martins Ferry, O.; Catherine Brady, Martins Ferry, O.; William Dawson, Martins Ferry, O.; Douglas, Toronto; Mrs. Dryden, Toronto; H. W. Pratt, Boston; H. West, Roanoke; G. L. Lumsford, Roanoke.

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